



PATENT 01925-P0208A WWW/SBS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	David Bolt, et al.
Application No. 10/722,874	Filing Date: November 26, 2003
Title of Application:	Trailing Arm Suspension And Height Control System With Motorized Valve Therefor
Confirmation No. 1709	Art Unit: 3616

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim Under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(3)

Applicants herewith present its Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(3).

When Applicants filed the pending application, Applicants claimed the benefit of the filing date of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/293,616 filed on May 25, 2001. The filing date of the present application is November 26, 2003.

<u>Mailing Certificate</u>: I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as *First Class Mail* in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks; Post Office Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

June <u>4</u>, 2006

Corey L. Malachi

Applicants unintentionally omitted listing PCT International Publication No. WO 02/096683 A1 filed May 23, 2001 in the chain of priority (a copy of 1. the declaration listing both the provisional application and the PCT application as previously submitted; and 2. the current fling receipt are attached hereto). Accordingly, Applicants present a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim as follows:

35 U.S.C. § 120 provides for making a claim of priority to a previously filed application as follows:

An application for patent for an invention disclosed in the manner provided by the first paragraph of section 112 of this title in an application previously filed in the United States . . . which is filed by an inventor or inventors named in the previously filed application shall have the same effect, as to such invention, as though filed on the date of the prior application, if filed before the patenting or abandonment of or termination of proceedings on the first application or on an application similarly entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the first application and if it contains or is amended to contain a specific reference to the earlier filed application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is currently pending and as such, the Petition is made within the time frame outlined by 35 U.S.C. § 120.

- 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(3) outlines the procedure for submitting a "petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120."
- (i) The reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and paragraph (a)(2) of the section to the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted.

Attached hereto is a Preliminary Amendment dated June 8, 2006 in which the first paragraph of the application was amended to include the priority information required by35 U.S.C. 120.

Page 3

Serial No. 10/722,874

Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim

(ii) The surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t).

A fee payment in the amount of \$1,370.00 is submitted herewith.

(iii) A statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

The entire delay between March 26, 2004 (four months from the filing date of the presently pending application) and the submission of this Petition was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

June <u>9</u>, 2006

Wesley W. Whitmyer, Jr., Registration No. 33,558

Steven B. Simonis, Registration No. 54,449

Attorneys for Applicants

St. Onge Steward Johnston & Reens LLC

986 Bedford Street

Stamford, CT 06905-5619

203 324-6155